storage facilities and such customers are supplied from the nearest depot in the adjoining States. In addition Government consumers like Railways, Defence and Public Sector Undertakings like Steel, Coal Power etc. as well as Memorandum of Understanding (MOUVAgreement customers have been exempted from the above restrictions.

Allocation of Kerosene to Low Volume Dealers

880. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 1617 given in Rajya Sabha on 9th March, 2000 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the additional allocation of kerosene is given to low volume dealers to make them economically viable;

(b) how much additional quantity of kerosene has been allocated to Yamuna Nagar district and quantity allocated to low volume dealers;

(c) whether this additional allocation has been made to all the low volume dealers; and

(d) if not, the officers responsible who have given additional allocation to high volume dealers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) The quota of kerosene to the dealers in a district is fixed by the oil companies/district authorities depending on the allocation made by the State Government to the district on a historical basis. Whenever any additional allocation of kerosene is made to the district. the endeavour is to allocate the additional quantity to the low-volume dealers who have not reached the ceiling of 250 KL per month.

(b) No additional quantity of kerosene was allocated *to* Yamuna Nagar district during 1999-2000 and April to June, 2000.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Extension to the Chairmen of HPCL and BPCL

881. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the present Chairmen of HPCL and BPCL have completed their tenure and are on extension for three months;